

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A process of molding a decorated article by injection comprising placing against an internal wall of a mold cavity that includes one or more inlet orifices, a decorated film and providing one or more protective elements each element positioned on said film opposite an inlet orifice, and introducing into the mold through the one or more inlet orifices a thermoplastic polymeric molding composition by injection.
2. The process according to Claim 1 wherein the protective element has an area that is at least twice the distance between the element and the opposite inlet orifice.
3. The process according to Claim 1 wherein the protective element is a mesh, woven, braided or nonwoven fabric of metal or polymer.
4. The process according to Claim 1 wherein the protective element is fastened to the decorated film by an adhesive.
5. The process according to Claim 1 wherein the protective element is fastened to the decorated film by heat and pressure.
6. The process according to Claim 1 wherein the protective element is fastened to the decorated film by welding.